

22. *Carpodacus frontalis rhodocolpus*. CRIMSON HOUSE FINCH.—Quite common up to the middle of August. Nests in caves; one nest, containing three fresh eggs, found July 13.

23. *Spizella socialis arizonæ*. WESTERN CHIPPING SPARROW.—Not uncommon.

24. *Pipilo maculatus megalonyx*. SPURRED TOWHEE.—Very common in the hillside thickets.

25. *Chelidon erythrogaster*. BARN SWALLOW.—Very common; nests in caves.

26. *Lanius ludovicianus excubitorides*. WHITE-RUMPED SHRIKE.—Extremely common.

27. *Helminthophila celata lutescens*. LUTESCENT WARBLER.—Not uncommon in the wooded cañons.

NOTE.—I may also mention a small Wren, somewhat like *Thryothorus bewickii spilurus*, but with gray under-parts, wings faintly barred, and superciliary stripe obscure. It is very common in the cañons, and has a sweet song.

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SUBSPECIES OF JUNCO FROM NEW MEXICO.

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Junco hyemalis shufeldti, sub. sp. nov.

Type, No. 106,035, Nat. Mus. Ad. ♂, Fort Wingate, N. M., Oct. 13, 1885; Dr. Robert W. Shufeldt, U. S. A.

Wishing to investigate a supposed difference in plumage between northern and southern California Juncos, I wrote to Professor Ridgway for the loan of some specimens of *Junco hyemalis oregonus*, which he kindly sent me. I could not make out what I hoped to in regard to the California bird, but five specimens from New Mexico at once attracted my attention. They were larger than the west coast specimens, with a peculiar mottling about the head and no distinct separation of the colors of the back and neck. Referring the matter to Professor Ridgway he writes: "I have examined carefully the specimens of *Junco hyemalis oregonus*, and agree with you that there are two well marked races. The *unnamed* one is that from the interior. This I am able to determine positively by examination of the original specimen collected by Townsend, and the basis of his *Fringilla oregona*, which is in our [Nat. Mus.] collection."

AVERAGE MEASUREMENTS OF FIVE AD. ♂ SPECIMENS FROM CALIFORNIA.

	Wing	Tail	Trs.	Bill
<i>Funco hyemalis oregonus</i> . . .	2.91	2.62	.71	.40

FOUR AD. ♂ SPECIMENS FROM FORT WINGATE, N. M.

<i>Funco hyemalis shufeldti</i> . . .	3.14	2.89	.73	.43
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THREE AD. ♀ SPECIMENS FROM CALIFORNIA.

<i>Funco hyemalis oregonus</i> . . .	2.74	2.44	.71	.40
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ONE AD. ♀ FROM FORT WINGATE, N. M.

<i>Funco hyemalis shufeldti</i> . . .	3.12	2.87	.72	.42
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Description.

Funco hyemalis oregonus. Coast specimens, California. *Adult males*. Head and neck all round dull black, sharply defined from colors of the body; back clear rusty; rump slate; central rectrices dull black, slaty edges; belly and breast white; two outer rectrices white; a narrow white streak on inner web of third feather; faint rusty wash on sides. Bill and legs light.—*Female*. Head dull slaty black, blending with rusty color of back; sides quite rusty; outer tail-feather white; second with broad white streak.

Funco hyemalis shufeldti. Fort Wingate, New Mexico. *Adult males*. Head dull black; neck mottled and fading into dull brown on back and scapulars, which in turn fades into dark slate on rump and upper tail-coverts. Tail darker; two outer rectrices pure white; third with white streak on inside web, in several extending to end of feather. Centre of breast and belly white; sides slaty rufous.—*Female*. Colors more subdued, with more of the rufous washing on sides. A specimen in my collection (Mus. H. K. C. No., 7321) ♂, shot at Waukegan, Ill., Feb. 20, 1887, appears to be of this species. Measurements: Wing, 3.05; tail, 2.75; tarsus .74; bill, .40. Head and neck mottled and sides washed with rusty. Some sixty skins of the common *Funco hyemalis* taken at the same time do not show these characteristics, but agree with the typical *hyemalis*.

It gives me pleasure to name this new variety in honor of my esteemed friend Dr. Robert W. Shufeldt, U. S. A., who collected and presented the specimens to the National Museum.

ORNITHOLOGICAL CURIOSITIES.—A HAWK WITH
NINE TOES, AND A BOBOLINK WITH SPURS
ON ITS WINGS.

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